



Shining a Light on Broadmead

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Your vote counts!

By Ed Hirschmann

The angriest, bitterest presidential campaign of a lifetime will reach a noisy climax on November 3. Either President Donald Trump or former Vice President Joseph Biden will (or possibly not) be declared the winner on that election day.

Broadmead residents will want to vote, but it won't be as easy as when there was a polling place on campus. The construction in the Community Center prevents its use for elections this year.

Requests for **absentee ballots**, which are now, by law, called "**mail-in ballots**" are already being received and will be honored until October 20. The ballots were scheduled to be mailed beginning at the end of September. The completed ballots must either be mailed to the Baltimore County Board of Elections, 11112 Gilroy Rd., Suite 104, Hunt Valley, or hand-delivered to the Drop Box at that location.

If you already have a mail-in ballot that you have **not submitted** and you decide to vote in person instead, you will have to complete a **provisional ballot**.

Another method of voting prior to election day is to visit one of the **early voting sites**, open from October 26 to November 2, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day, including the weekend.



The closest locations to Broadmead are at Oregon Ridge Park and Jacksonville Recreation Center (addresses given below).

On **Election day**, November 3, residents of Baltimore County can vote at **any voting center** within the County. Election day voting sites are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Among the voting centers nearest Broadmead are:

- Dulaney High School – 255 Padonia Road, Lutherville/Timonium
- Hereford High School – 17301 York Road, Parkton
- Jacksonville Recreation Center at Sweet Air Park – 3605 B Sweet Air Road, Jacksonville
- Oregon Ridge Lodge (in Oregon Ridge Park) – 13401 Beaver Dam Road, Cockeysville
- Seventh District Elementary School – 20300 York Road, Parkton

Cockeysville Middle School is **not** a polling place for the general election this year.

The least crowded time to vote in person is on weekends during early voting and between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on election day.

Health Care Lecture

Pain Management
Brian Block, M.D., Ph.D.

Wednesday, October 7 at 3:30 p.m.
via Zoom

***The Zoom link will be sent out
shortly before the talk.***

Banner photo by Erroll Hay

The beekeepers are busy as bees: Part 2—The honey

By Cliff York, Michael Kelly, and Pete Lund.

Photo by Erroll Hay

Rule number one for moving hive honey to bottled honey is to separate the bees from the honey. Although they are great workers, better than beavers, the character of bees is tarnished by their obsessive propensity to steal unguarded honey. You don't want them around when you are working to organize and fetch the honey.

Using an ammonia-like smelly substance (which the bees hate) on a temporary inner ceiling at the top of the hive, we "encourage" or herd the bees to vacate the premises by diving farther down inside the hive as we stink up the place above them. We can then work from the top down and remove each "super," or story, of the hive, to the extent it is free of bees.

To get to the honey, we have to cut off, with a large heated knife, the wax covers the bees make for every honey-filled cell. The frames, together with their honey, are then moved to a crude centrifuge, in bee jargon an "extractor," and honey is literally spun out of the uncapped combs, where it oozes down the sides of the centrifuge and flows out of a gate at the bottom. Waiting there is series of sieves that strain out bee parts, bits of wax, and miscellaneous crud that might be floating around in the honey. The final step is to fill the waiting jars with the honey emerging from the gate and sieves.

The woodshop was our normal bee-free location for putting the extractor (hand powered by us) to work and fill jars, but we had no access to it until the weekend of July 25. Broadmead Administration arranged to deliver our six stored supers of honey to a garage in the maintenance storage area below Lake Maybe. Bill Breakey, a recovering beekeeper, kindly pitched in for part of the weekend, and we filled over 200 of our usual 8-ounce jars and then brought in our first-rate jar-labeling team (Gwyn Sirota and Gay



Michael Kelly and Cliff York checking for the presence of a queen in the hive.

Block), who quickly put on the labels and polished the completed jars of honey.

Thanks to a recent gift from Cliff's daughter, we've added a new hive to the lineup, and we are now tending six hives near the staff parking lot. But we have reached a time of year when nectar becomes relatively sparse. We don't expect to be harvesting much, if any, honey during the rest of the year. The bees need what honey stores they've accumulated (and that we haven't stolen) to prepare for surviving the winter.

Honey keeps. So we have plenty of time to figure out ways the BRA can sell the honey.



Michael Kelly and Cliff York getting new bees in place

Diversity and Inclusion update

by Gwen Marable

Broadmead residents continue to engage in activities to further diversity and inclusion on the campus. The “One Minute of Silence” on Fridays at 1 p.m., inspired by the death of George Floyd, is regularly observed by many clusters, whose residents meet outside and on Zoom.

Cluster M is called to gather by Bobbie Cook, hospitality chair. Over the weeks there has been a committed core of participants, despite the weather, who eagerly share their thoughts on the query of the week. Bobbie reported, “We have been discovering unconscious biases that have followed us throughout our lives.” She added, “It has been a wonderful way to get to know our neighbors better and to incorporate our new folk.”

Jennifer Maraña, Broadmead’s Director of Diversity and Inclusion, sends a Zoom invitation for a conversation as a group and in breakout rooms, as a way for residents across the campus to see and talk with one another.

Cluster K’s GAP (Generating a New Paradigm) group is studying Ibrim X. Kendi’s book, *How To Be an Antiracist*. Maggie Babb, the group’s leader, reports, “It’s showing us our assumptions and where we maintain stereotypes of all kinds.”

The Multicultural Committee also continues its work, sponsoring programs in September on the in-house Broadmead TV Channel 970 that honored the Jewish High Holy Days and presented a “back by popular demand” performance by a Mexican dance troupe. A virtual program to honor Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday is being planned.

HearHere

“Mask Challenges”

Thursday, October 22, 3:30 p.m. via Zoom

The Zoom link will be sent out shortly before the talk.

The greenhouse is available for residents’ use

Text and photo by Kathleen Truelove

The greenhouse is located between the pool and the upper entrance to the Community Center. It is available to residents for their tender plants between October 15 and May 15. It is accessible from the deck. There is also an area just outside the door to the greenhouse which is partially glass covered but not enclosed. That’s a good place for plants like rosemary and lavender (and an olive tree) that like to be protected from the worst of winter but don’t like the warmth and humidity of the greenhouse.

Residents are responsible for getting their plants into and out of the greenhouse. Water is available there, and residents are entirely responsible for their plants. Plants may be moved around to accommodate everyone, so be sure to put a marker with your name on it in the pot.



Broadmead greenhouse in use.

What's going on with the construction?

By Kathleen Truelove and photos by Erroll Hay

A pedestrian walking around the campus and observing the progress of construction might have a number of questions. George Pattee, Director of Facilities and Capital Planning, agreed to submit to a grilling. Below are his responses.



View from balcony of Hillside Home of camouflage of utility equipment, artist's rendering

The tangle of equipment and people along York Road that makes leaving the campus so challenging should be just about over. Three groups have been working there at the same time: Kreider, who is Broadmead's contractor, BGE, and a BGE subcontractor who worked on burying the gas line deeper.

The weed-filled pit at the far end of the employee parking lot will become a rain garden, properly planted. This is also true of the temporary storm water management pond opposite the York building. The pond's size will decrease, too.

Regarding the Hillside Homes, it is planned that at least turf will be put down around the buildings before the new residents move in so they will not become another group of



Lower level front entrance under construction



The future Bistro— lower level of Broadmead Center “mudders.” Landscaping will be added as soon as it is feasible. The unsightly mechanical equipment between the two buildings will be screened, as shown on the accompanying artist's rendering.

The covered walkway to the dining areas will go between Holly House and the new maintenance building, with the entrance to the walkway from the Upland building at the garage level, and from the York building at the first floor level.



Walkway to Broadmead Center from Hillside Homes, artist's rendering

The lower front entrance to the Broadmead Center will incorporate a covered porte-cochère, a new sign, and added parking.

At the pool, which now contains water, final work is being done to integrate the various pieces of equipment that will maintain pH, temperature, and chlorine. A ramp is being completed to get to the back door (behind Cluster Q) to the group exercise area.



New lower level front entrance, artist's rendering

What happened to the Greater Barn Sale?

By Stan Wilson and Lucy Wright

The Greater Barn Sale (GBS), which comprises the two traditional semi-annual Barn Sales, the Old & New Shop, and Offsite Sales, netted slightly more than \$50,000 for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2020. That included income from the most recent semi-annual Barn Sale, held October 24–26, 2019. However, due to the pandemic and the associated closure of the Broadmead Center in March, the semi-annual Barn Sale planned for this past spring was cancelled. Therefore, the contribution of the GBS to the BRA for the current fiscal year will be about half of last year's amount.

One activity that has continued sporadically is offsite sales, mostly of furniture to residents and employees. With the closure of the Center, the Old & New Shop was shut and access to the Barn Sale Workroom and two storerooms was ended.

Recently, limited access to the workroom and storerooms has been allowed. A maximum of two people have been permitted to be in the Barn Sale spaces from 4 to 7 p.m. on weekday evenings.

With such limited access, the GBS committee is using this opportunity to rethink options for doing business during the pandemic while maintaining the safety and wellbeing of all concerned. Mini-Barn Sales for employees and residents, held in the workroom and outside hallway, perhaps on a monthly basis, are under consideration. To do this requires cleaning out and renovating the workroom so that it can also serve as a retail outlet. This process is currently underway, although slowly, given the limitations on time and staff working in the area.

Until the renovation is complete, no donations will be accepted with the exception of high-value, easily salable pieces of furniture. If possible, residents are encouraged to hold

on to items that are no longer needed but would be especially suitable for sale in the Old & New Shop once it reopens in its new space on the lower level, near the front entrance to the Center.

The GBS raises the bulk of the money needed to support the programs and activities of the Broadmead Residents Association (BRA). It helps build a sense of community among Broadmead residents through their participation in various aspects of the sales, provides a service to residents and their families by facilitating the disposal of surplus items when a residence has been vacated, and is an opportunity for residents to dispose of items they no longer need. Additionally, it is a means for residents, staff and the public to purchase items at economical prices.

Corrections

The profile of Wendy McIver in the September issue referred inaccurately to a son and two daughters. She only has two daughters. The article also incorrectly stated that her brother was diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's. It was her brother-in-law who received that diagnosis.

In the article on the apiary, it was stated that bees make five-sided cells. The bees have asked that this egregious error be corrected. Bees actually make six-sided cells.

The Voice regrets these errors.

Broadmead Welcomes...

Lynda Colclessor Burton, R-18, 410-269-7565
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As a gerontologist, Lynda Burton studied the health and medical care of older people. She is one of the first two specialists on the health of older populations to move to Broadmead, the other being her husband, John.



Lynda's research examined the effects of various health policies on the physical and mental health of older individuals. One study compared the costs and health outcomes among individuals enrolled in a managed care plan with those in traditional Medicare fee-for-service. She was also a member of the team of physicians and public health researchers who developed the methodology for studying and measuring health outcomes for patients treated for several acute conditions in their homes compared to those treated in the hospital.

Lynda was born and grew up in Erie, PA. She did her undergraduate work at Penn State. In the 1990s, after raising three children, she returned to school and obtained a master's degree and a doctorate at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Lynda was appointed to the faculty of the School of Public Health in 1996 and retired as an associate professor in 2016.

Lynda and her husband, John, were married in 1960. They have two daughters and a son, and seven grandchildren. They moved to Broadmead from Roland Park, where they lived for almost 60 years. Lynda's volunteer activities included working for the League of Women Voters, Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church, and several school programs. She enjoys singing, reading, and sewing.

Text and photo by Jackie Mintz

John Burton, R-18, 443-310-3397
jburton4@jhu.edu, July 2020

One of the original trustees at Broadmead, John Burton was and is a pioneer in the field of geriatric medicine. When John began practicing medicine in the 1970s, there was virtually no academic geriatric medicine taught in medical schools. Starting out as a nephrologist, he found that he wanted to be on the "front lines" and so he set up a community practice in southeast Baltimore. There he saw that a large proportion of his patients were older persons, many of whom had had little or no care but who, because of the newly enacted Medicare program, were coming for treatment. Spurred by this realization, John moved his practice back to the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center and began a long career in developing the field of geriatric medicine.

Among the many programs John was involved in was Hospital at Home, an innovative program that delivered acute care to older adults in their homes, avoiding hospitalization and improving health outcomes. Other programs focusing on home care for older people include Johns Hopkins Home-Based Medicine and the Program for All-inclusive Care of the Elderly (PACE). John co-directed the Geriatrics for Specialists Initiative of the American Geriatrics Society, which developed programs and created awards for young scholars working in geriatrics within their specialty. One outcome was the new certificate program in geriatric surgery created by the American College of Surgeons.

John earned his medical degree from McGill University and did his residency at the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center. He served on the faculty at the Hopkins School of Medicine from 1972 until 2019. He retired as professor emeritus of medicine.



Text and photo by Jackie Mintz

Broadmead Welcomes (Cont'd)...

Ted Rugemer, G-12, 443-578-8265
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Two careers after his military experience enriched life for Ted Rugemer. Born in Baltimore, he grew up in Homeland and went to Roland Park Public School, Gilman, and Johns Hopkins University. His ROTC training led him to the Army, which took him to Fort Meade and to Vietnam.



Ted earned an MBA at Loyola College and a Master of Liberal Studies at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland, becoming a chartered financial analyst. His subsequent career in finance and investments included 15 years with the Bank of Baltimore. His later academic career focused on teaching finance, mainly at Towson University. After 21 years there, he retired in 2017.

Broadmead's unique campus appealed to him, offering a great place to walk as well as a front door and a back door. His interests include genealogy, reading, and several collections, of which his favorite is the model trains. His reading interests include Tolstoy, Jane Austen, and military history.

The Rugemers enjoy off-the-grid camping in Montana with their son John, a psychological counselor, and his wife and two daughters, ages 11 and 9. Another son, Edward, teaches both history and African American studies at Yale. Edward and his wife have three sons, ages 14, 12, and 5.

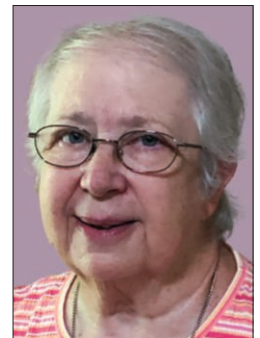
*Text by Sue Baker, photos by Virginia
and Ted Rugemer*

Virginia Rugemer, G-12, 443-578-8265
virginia.rugemer@comcast.net, July 2020

Virginia Rugemer was born and grew up in Mississippi. She and Ted met at a party at Johns Hopkins University and were married in 1969, shortly after Mississippi was struck by Hurricane Camille, a devastating storm. The disaster changed all plans, but the wedding took place, and they drove to Baltimore with an aunt in the back seat of a car that flaunted a "just married" sign.

Although she describes herself as a stay-at-home mom who raised two sons, Virginia was active at St. Mary's Govans Roman Catholic Church, in the meal program of Our Daily Bread, and in the parents' club in Govans. In her forties, she enrolled in the College of Notre Dame, specializing in religious studies. She then went on for a master's degree in pastoral ministry at St. Mary's in the Wood, in Terre Haute, IN.

Virginia is an oblate member (lay sister) of the Benedictine Sisters of Baltimore and also works with Asylee Women Enterprise, which provides programs and resources for women seeking asylum.



Her current activities include walking and lap swimming, and she is looking forward to the opening of the new pool.

Virginia and Ted lived in Homeland for 50 years prior to their move to Broadmead.

*Text by Sue Baker, photos by Virginia
and Ted Rugemer*

Moving Around Broadmead

	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>
Helen & Clyde Shallenberger	A-9	T-326
Thomas Cockey	K-1	T-317

InSight

"Low Vision Revisited"

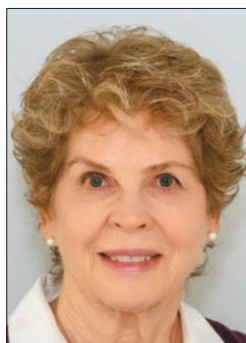
Wednesday October 14, 4 p.m.

Gathering in tent and garden

Broadmead Welcomes (Cont'd)...

Nancy Funk, F-8, 443-578-8643
nancyfunk5@gmail.com, September 2020

A transplant from Illinois, Nancy Funk is no stranger to these parts: she has been visiting Baltimore since the 1960s. Her late husband,



Ted, was a Baltimore native whose parents never left Baltimore. Nancy and Ted visited them regularly. Nancy also visited Broadmead to see relatives Branch and Dickens Warfield.

Born in Missouri and raised in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Nancy is a graduate of Smith College. She married Ted after college and they moved to Berkeley, CA, where Ted earned a Ph.D. in chemical engineering. They spent two years in Chile in the early 1970s, where Ted took a job with a government-owned company and taught at the Technical University of Chile. This is the only time, Nancy remarked, that she wasn't either in school or working. After Chile, they returned to New York so Nancy could obtain an MBA from Columbia University. Eventually settling in Highland Park, a Chicago suburb, Nancy established a CPA practice and was a financial planner for over 30 years. She retired five years ago.

She has a son, Alexander, who lives in Baltimore with his wife and three sons. Alexander teaches math at Patterson High School.

Nancy enjoys walking and looks forward to exploring the walking and hiking trails around Broadmead. She is also eyeing the NCR Trail and Western Run. A serious fitness fan, her morning schedule includes one hour of "organized exercise" followed by 10,000 steps.

Text by Jackie Mintz, photo from Nancy Funk

Masks challenge those with hearing loss

By Mary Ellen McMillin and Amy Redmon-Norwood. Photo by Mary Ellen McMillin

Broadmead is a social community. The inability to meet in groups, gather for meals, and meet at the mailboxes at the Center due to COVID-19 and construction has hit many individuals hard. This is especially true for the many residents who have some degree of hearing loss. Social distancing and face masks are major barriers to understanding speech, resulting in more isolation. With several more months of reduced social mixing likely, the effects will continue.

Understanding conversations through fabric face masks while social distancing is a challenge, even for those with mild hearing loss. Additional speaking volume may not help, because face masks hide critical visual clues and muffle some sounds. Distance from the speaker, background noise, accents, and fast speech all make communication even harder when wearing face masks.

Another barrier to communication is



Amy Redmon-Norwood models a "communicator mask"

reluctance by the person with hearing loss to let a speaker know when a conversation is not being understood. Speaking more slowly, wearing "communicator masks" (a mask with a clear vinyl window), and even using some Broadmead-specific sign language could prove very helpful.



Bill Breakey in his compact office, photo by Angela Breakey.

Closets have surprising uses

By Ross Jones

Stacy London, the style and fashion TV host and author, once said, “Your closet needs to be a place of joy and celebration of who you are now, not who you were.” That pithy statement surely applies to two residents who have transformed their closets in the garden homes into inviting, workable spaces well beyond what Broadmead’s original architects might have envisioned.

Bill Breakey, who lives in Cluster L with his wife, Angela, has transformed one of their closets into what he calls “a compact study/work room.” Lynn Jones, after trying to find “the perfect space for my studio” in Cluster C, is happily turning out paintings in one of the two closets she shares with her husband.

Bill’s effort to repurpose his closet began right after moving to Broadmead: “I was anxious to preserve living space.” He installed shelving, storage crates, and even his desk (which his son dismantled and reassembled in the closet). His desk accommodates his computer, photographic printer and “other bits and pieces.” Two years ago, rainwater leaked into the space, but Broadmead Maintenance renovated everything. Bill’s response to that work: “Aren’t we lucky to be living at Broadmead!”

Lynn’s path to the closet was less direct than Bill’s. Initially, she says, her easel was in

a corner of the bedroom “where the light was good, but catastrophe struck. I spilled paint on the carpet and had to replace it. Then I tried the patio and dining area. Not right. Finally, I moved to the closet. It’s well lighted and cooled by a fan. Perfect.”



Lynn Jones at work in her mini-studio, photo by Bill Breakey.



Danielle Cornell’s masks ready to go, photo credit Kathleen Truelove

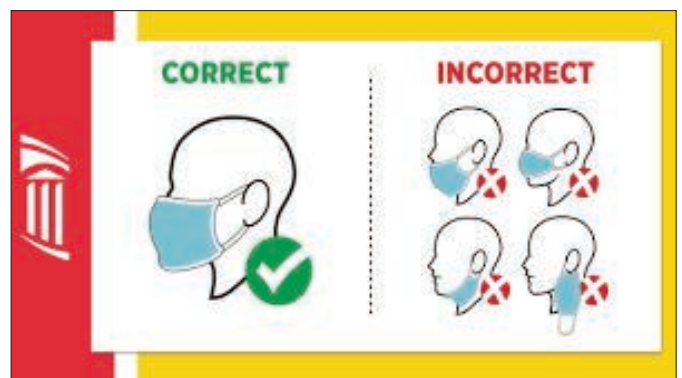


Photo by University of Maryland Medical System

Residents reflect on living through a pandemic

With one child in Spain, another in Taiwan, and the third in Vermont, it has been a long stretch without seeing them. Zoom has saved us, with weekly four-continent sessions that include even my grandson in Scotland, plus Zoom-anagram games with my daughter (she trusts me to pull the letters for both of us). We are evenly matched, which enhances the fun.

—Sue Baker

A canine viewpoint: I love it! My mom is home almost ALL the time!

—Demi Murphy

The pandemic has been an opportunity for me to focus on learning about my family history. The computer has enabled this to a great extent. I have so far identified over 700 names in my family tree, and it grows every day. I am trying to document what I have learned in a book for my family. It has completely absorbed me.

—Bernie Anderson

The hardest part of the pandemic for me is that I have been unable to visit friends in Hallowell. The two Ruths, Bronstein and Williams, are friends that I've known for almost all of my twenty years at Broadmead. I hope to see them soon!

—Sally Bloomer

Being quarantined was bizarre at first. Then I recognized the feeling of relief: an extended Snow Day! Now that there were no programs at the Center, I could allow myself to sit over morning coffee and drop into writing without having to watch the clock. No more interrupting myself to go to an exercise class or attend a meeting. Writing every morning until hunger made me stop. Day after day. This was some kind of heaven. While I did recognize that it is an immense privilege to have such comfort and care lavished on me, I have appreciated every moment.

—Maggie Babb

Staying in close touch with family has felt essential since the pandemic hit. Phone calls, texts, emails, and FaceTime are all methods used, but what has been most satisfying is our weekly family virtual happy hour via the ubiquitous Zoom. Included are daughters and grandchildren in Towson and Boston (with occasional appearances by sons-in-law), sister and brother-in-law in San Antonio, niece in Idaho, and now, back in Scotland, the granddaughter returning for her third year at the University of Edinburgh. We sip our various drinks and talk and laugh about everything and nothing. It feels so good.

—Kathleen Truelove

Many people have told me they were sorry that I moved in at such a strange time, but this is my normal. I didn't have the same "before COVID-19" that other residents have experienced. What I know is that everyone has been so gracious and welcoming, both residents and staff, that my four months here have confirmed the wisdom of my choice of Broadmead. I haven't doubted that decision once.

—Willy Sydnor

The things I found most difficult were not being allowed to go to church and not being able to have my family visit. But what surprised me most is that I was able to learn how to use Zoom, since I am not technology savvy. And of course, I am very impressed with the way Broadmead takes care of us.

—Loretta Cunninghame



Photo of August moon by Jackie Mintz

There's another Westie at Broadmead

By Lily Truelove. Photo by Kathleen Truelove

Much to my delight, another dog like my brother Nigel and me has moved to Broadmead. Maggie Bruner, P-6, moved in this spring with her human companion, Gem Bruner, who tends to Maggie's every whim. For example, Maggie has had to let Gem know that she prefers to have dinner at 4. Maggie does permit Gem to share her bed, if she behaves. Maggie was sorry to leave her 65-acre farm where there were four or five horses in the pasture to keep under control.



Lily (left) and Maggie (right) discuss life at Broadmead

Here at Broadmead, she enjoys the low window sills and the patio door that enable her to keep track of the rabbits and squirrels. She enjoys her morning walks on the Dogwood Trail and visits with George and his yellow trash trailer. The many bird feeders along the fire lane attract the pesky squirrels, which so annoy her; if only we dogs could climb trees. Maggie says she especially enjoys the treats she collects from friendly people on her walks.

WYPR's John Lee returns to Open Forum

By Elsa Collins

John Lee, WYPR's Baltimore County reporter, returned to Broadmead's Open Forum last month via Zoom. He noted that COVID-19 has completely changed the way he reports, which has gone from in-person interviews to phone or email. His presentation was augmented by excerpts of recordings of Baltimore County Council sessions and interviews with legislators and citizens.

Lee spoke about police reform in Baltimore County, which is focusing on banning chokeholds and ending the hiring of officers who have been dismissed from other jurisdictions.

He also talked about the upcoming November election. A statewide agreement has been reached to fully staff the early voting sites and the 42 statewide polling places despite concerns about COVID-19. Voters are urged to vote by mail, using either the Post Office or secure ballot drop-off boxes. Lee explained that Baltimore County election officials are discouraging requests for electronic ballots because the mailed e-ballots have to be processed by hand before being inserted into the vote-counting machines.

Lee is currently investigating County school educational services available to special needs students, many of whom require in-person instruction and do not have access to technology. To date, the County has not specified how these students' educational needs will be met during the current online instruction phase. A second concern involves symbols and hate language in the schools.

A developing issue on the horizon for Baltimore County government is the issuance of permits for new housing developments and school enrollment numbers.

Residents have been reading . . .

I have two books to recommend because they are closely related. *Midnight in Chernobyl*, by Adam Higginbotham, is the story of the explosion of the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Station in April 1986. Using over ten years of information collected from interviews and documents, the book covers the principles of nuclear power, the design, the development, the people, the explosion, and the aftermath, all the way to the construction of the new safe confinement building. It reads like fiction, but it's true, which means that parts of it can be terrifying. The book was a New York Times Best Book of the Year.

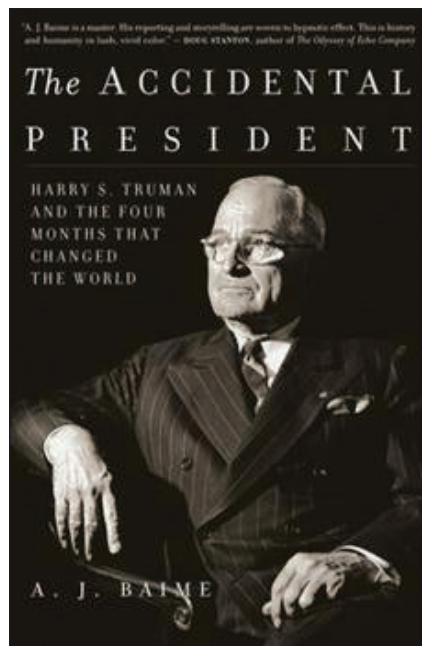
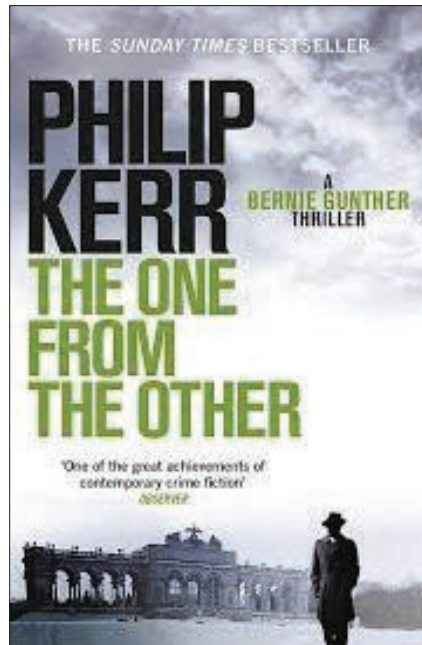
Voices from Chernobyl was written by Svetlana Alexievich, who was the first journalist to be awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature. The book is a record of the oral history of the Chernobyl disaster, collected over ten years from people involved in the cleanup and from ordinary citizens who just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time.

—Nikki Connors

The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family and Defiance During the Blitz, by Erik Larson, is my recommendation. It is a fast-paced, gripping tale of the harrowing, mostly nighttime, German attacks on British soil, and the dreadful destruction of cities, particularly London. Throughout, there is the feeling of the tremendous fear the people had of not knowing when the next bombers would be flying in, but Churchill presents

amazing courage and perseverance that uplifts the populace with hope. It is meticulously researched by Larson, who frequently includes the very words from diary entries of the principals, bringing them and surrounding events vividly to life. About Churchill himself there is a bit of humor in the telling.

—Bea Griffith



One of my favorite authors is Philip Kerr, who died about a year ago. He wrote a series of books about Germany in the period from 1935 to 1949. Each book is distinct and separate and has as its central character Bernhard Gunther who, in the first book, is a detective in the Berlin Police Department. As the years progress and Hitler gains power, Gunther is absorbed into the SS; he remains a German, but not a Nazi. There is much historical material interwoven into each book, and you get an insider's look at Nazism. Gunther's role in the SS also shows his resistance to this change in Germany. The book *The One from the Other* takes place during 1949. It deals with those ex-Nazis trying to get out of Germany and to South America.

—Sid Levy

The Accidental President, by A. J. Baime, describes Harry Truman's first four months in office. An overwhelming number of international crises were dumped into Truman's lap

with no prior briefings by Roosevelt's staff. The nation worried about and wondered who this unfamiliar person was. Within a matter of a few weeks his popularity exceeded the highest of any of FDR's ratings.

—Carolyn Russell

BRA Movies for October

Shown at 7 p.m. on Channel 970

Tuesday Movies by Peggy Tapley

Saturday Movies by Joe Nietubicz

Sat., Oct. 3 *Twelve Angry Men*

1957 NR 1h 36m

Twelve members of a jury deliberate the verdict of a murder trial, with one juror a holdout against conviction. A stellar cast includes Henry Fonda, Lee J. Cobb, and Ed Begley.

Tues., Oct. 6 *Diana*

2013 PG-13 1h 53m

During the last two years of her life, Princess Diana campaigns against the use of land mines and has an affair with a Pakistani heart surgeon.

Sat., Oct. 10 *Night of the Iguana*

1964 NR 2h 5m

Richard Burton, Ava Gardner, and Deborah Kerr star in this drama/romance set in a cheap hotel on the coast of Mexico. Based on a play by Tennessee Williams.

Tues., Oct. 13 *Last of the Mohicans*

1992 R 2h 2m

This epic historical drama, with Daniel Day-Lewis, is set in 1752 during the French and Indian War. Based on a novel by James Fenimore Cooper.

Sat., Oct. 17 *Les Misérables*

2012 PG-13 2h 40m

Set in 19th century France, this musical/drama tells the story of ex-prisoner Jean Valjean, hunted for decades by a ruthless policeman for breaking his parole.

Tues., Oct. 20 *We Bought a Zoo*

2011 PG 2h 11m

Love, loss and ... zoo animals. This family drama looks at grief and healing. Matt Damon plays a single father who is raising two children and trying to revive a zoo.

Sat., Oct. 24 *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*

1958 PG 1h 48m

Thrilling performances by Elizabeth Taylor, Paul Newman, and Burl Ives in an adaptation of Tennessee Williams's story about a dysfunctional family, set on a Southern plantation.

Tues., Oct. 27 *Good Night, and Good Luck*

2005 PG 1h 33m

When Senator Joseph McCarthy begins his campaign to root out communists in America, CBS News broadcaster Edward R. Murrow dedicates himself to exposing McCarthy's Senate "investigation."

Sat., Oct. 31 *Young Frankenstein*

1974 PG 1h 46m

This riotous spoof, featuring Gene Wilder, is the story of Frankenstein's grandson as he attempts to recreate his grandfather's experiments with the help of servants Igor and Inga.



"Lake Maybe" Broadmead's original storm water management pond, photo credit Jack Griffith.

Maryland My Maryland: *Saving Fort McHenry*

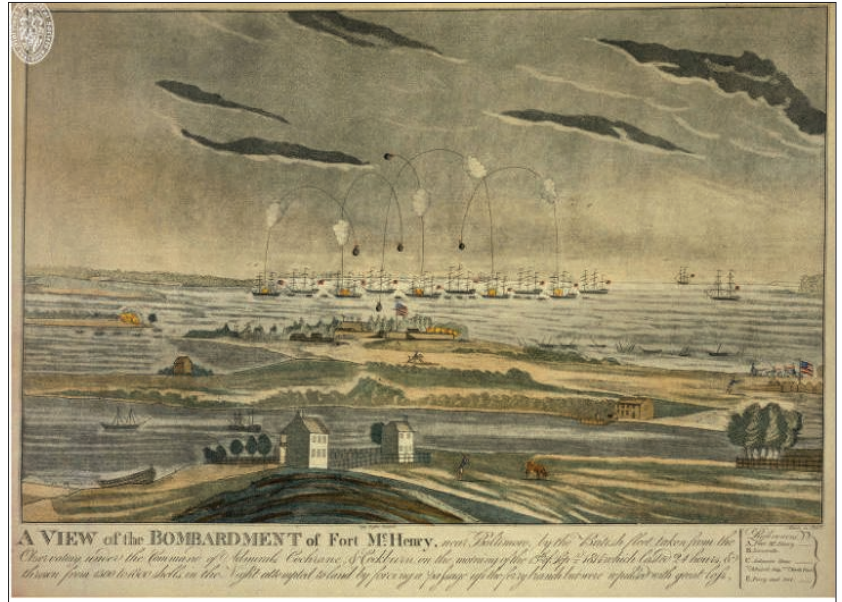
By Sidney Levy

Fort McHenry, the birthplace of our national anthem, is renowned, but Frances Scott Key might never have survived the British attack if it hadn't been for two lesser known forts nearby, Fort Look-Out and Fort Covington. At the start of the War of 1812, Baltimore City was vulnerable to attack by sea. British ships were massed offshore, ready to take Fort McHenry along with the city. City officials appealed to the War Department for help.

On the site of today's Riverside Park in Locust Point, Captain Samuel Babcock of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers built Fort Look-Out on top of Look-Out Hill. The fort provided a panoramic southern view of the shore batteries below Forts Babcock, Covington, Ferry Point, and McHenry and the Chesapeake Bay. Fort Covington, also designed by Captain Babcock, was a pie-shaped structure

with 10-foot-high brick walls and a deep ditch around its 18 cannons.

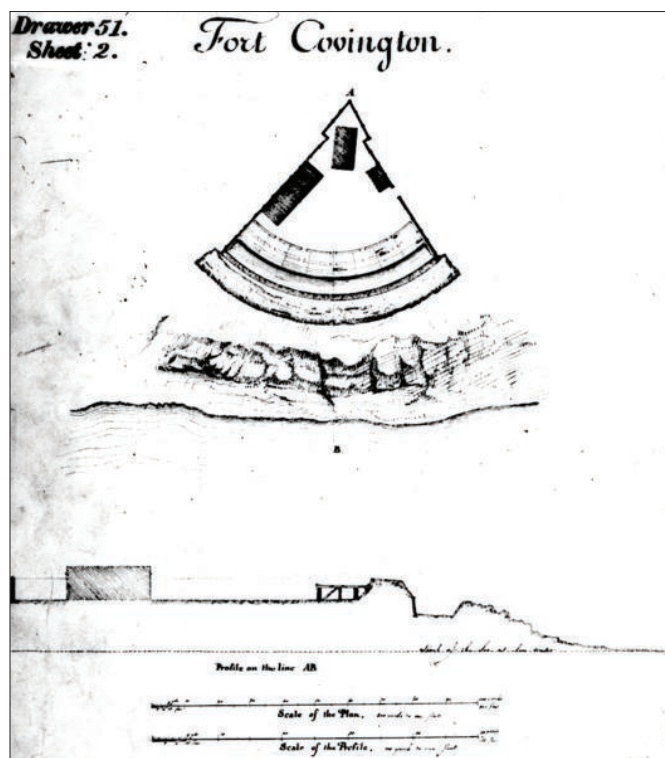
The Battle for Baltimore was fought September 12–14, 1814. On the evening of the 13th, 20 barges of British soldiers were spotted by alert sentinels at Fort Look-Out and Fort



***“A View of the Bombardment of Fort McHenry”,
lithograph by John Bower, from the collection of the
Maryland Historical Society***

Covington, and the Americans devastated the British. Their action helped the defenders at Fort McHenry stave off the British attack.

That fort is named after James McHenry (1753-1816), a Scots-Irish army surgeon born in Ulster. He was a signer, from Maryland, of the U.S. Constitution and was the force behind the creation of the U.S. Army. McHenry was the Secretary of War from 1796 to 1800, serving under the administrations of George Washington and John Adams.



A pie shaped fort

In Memoriam

Marguerite Tuttle

November 10, 1918 – August 24, 2020

Walter Hudson

January 31, 1929 – September 4, 2020

Jonas Rappeport

October 16, 1924 – September 8, 2020

Butterflies are good for your mental health

By Debbie Terry

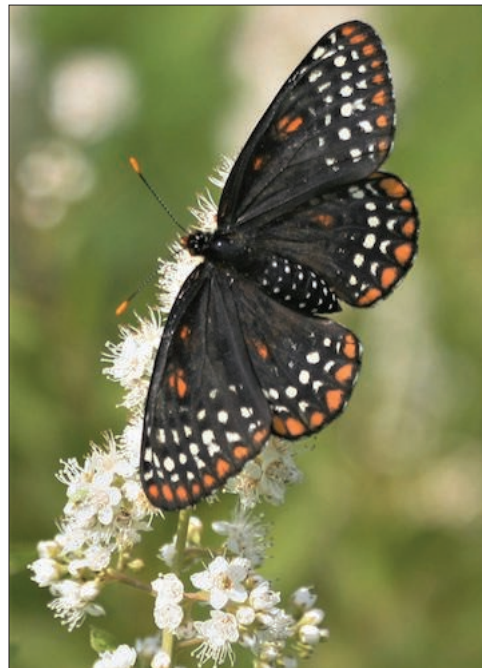
The butterflies came late to Broadmead this year, but then they came in force. One of the appeals of watching butterflies is that you can sit at your window or on your patio and watch these beautiful creatures flit from flower to flower in your garden. True butterflies, including the monarchs and swallowtails seen this summer (superfamily Papilionoidea), and little skippers (superfamily Hesperioidea) are considered together as “butterflies.”



Buckeye seen in Broadmead garden plot, photo credit Debbie Terry



Newly hatched monarch on the swamp milkweed it loves, photo credit Kathleen Truelove



Baltimore checkerspot's favorite food source is white turtlehead



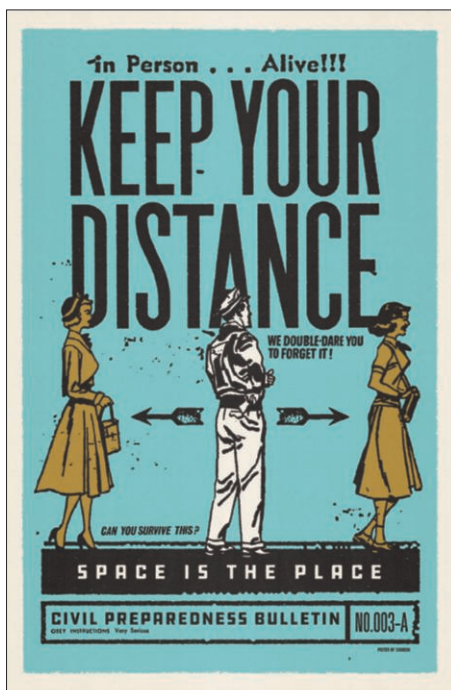
These caterpillars ate Bobbie Cook's parsley, photo credit Bobbie Cook



But look what they become! Photo credit WordPress.com



Cooper's hawk posed in the maple tree outside of D3 for about a half-hour, before it dived down and caught a chipmunk, returned to the tree and devoured its prey. Photo credit Erroll Hay



Broadmead Writers Read

Do you have a piece of writing you would like to read to the Broadmead Community? An essay, a poem, an excerpt from a memoir?

This year the readings will be recorded via Zoom and played on Broadmead TV.

Contact Maggie Babb for more information: maggie.babb@gmail.com

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